CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2016:

President Richard West opened the meeting at 14.30 hours and welcomed 17 members of Croydon Philatelic Society present. The speaker **Cliff Gregory** was invited to present his display on **Underpaid Mail to/from India.**

Cliff displayed many covers that had been sent to or from India which showed an underpayment. The majority of the letters were from/to Great Britain. . There were two main routes used – the Southampton route from that port to Alexandria by sea, then overland to Suez and then by ship to India (Bombay of Madras or Calcutta) or the Marseille route using the same stop off points. Cliff explained how the amount of underpayment depended on the rules being applied at the time which changed several times during the 19th century. Each letter was carefully mounted and written up. The second part of the display also contained material from India to a variety of destinations such as France, Italy, Austria, The Federation of North German States, Gibraltar, Somalia Land Field Force and the Persian Field Force.

A detailed, well-presented and interesting display which was much appreciated by the members of Croydon Philatelic Society. Following a vote of thanks by President Richard the meeting closed at 16.30 hours.

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